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**Mayor Vigeant, City Hall Contingent Attend 33rd Annual
MMA Conference**

Mayor Arthur Vigeant joined fellow mayors, councilors, selectmen, and other municipal officials from across the state at the Massachusetts Municipal Association 2012 Annual Meeting held at the Hynes Convention Center on January 20-21.

The line-up of speakers included Governor Deval Patrick, Speaker of the House of Representatives Robert DeLeo, and United States Senator Scott Brown among others. Key issues that were addressed included upcoming state budget and local aid proposals, the Massachusetts economy, and well as federal issues that may impact Massachusetts.

The conference featured over 30 workshops focused on best practices, management tools, and strategies that are essential to having an efficient and effective municipal government during challenging fiscal and economic times.

Along with Mayor Vigeant, officials from Marlborough who also attended were Councilor Kathleen Robey, City Solicitor Donald Rider, Assistant City Solicitor Cynthia Griffin, and Executive Aide to the Mayor Michael Berry.

In addition, Chief Procurement Officer Beverly Sleeper was chosen to serve as a panelist for a seminar. The workshop, "Your Options for Procuring Designer Services" presented by the MMA Policy Committee on Municipal and Regional Administration, provided information to municipalities regarding procuring engineering and architectural design services for public projects. Ms. Sleeper gave a presentation on the procurement laws applicable to design services and design-related services, and the process to follow when contracting for these services.

"This year's conference was a great opportunity to work with and learn from other communities across the Commonwealth. It's always great to be able to show off the great things happening in Marlborough while picking up a few tips from other cities and towns along the way," said Mayor Vigeant.

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